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(Via Zoom)

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Educator  
Humboldt State University  
(Via Zoom)

LAI LAI BUI  
Sergeant  
Sacramento Police Department  
(Via Zoom)

ROBERT DOYLE  
Sheriff  
Marin County Sheriff's Department  
(Via Zoom)

BATINE RAMIREZ  
Sergeant  
Placer County Sheriff's Department  
(Via Zoom)

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Executive Office

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TRACY CONTRERAS  
Fiscal Service Manager  
Administrative Services

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1 Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 9:01 a.m.

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4 CHAIRPERSON LONG: This is the meeting of the  
5 Finance Committee. It should be relatively brief.

6 If Committee Secretary could call the roll. Is  
7 that Katie? Yeah. Hi, Katie.

8 MS. STRICKLAND: Good morning.  
9 Braziel.

10 MEMBER BRAZIEL: Here.

11 MS. STRICKLAND: Bui.

12 MEMBER BUI: Here.

13 MS. STRICKLAND: Doyle.

14 MEMBER DOYLE: Here.

15 MS. STRICKLAND: Long.

16 CHAIRPERSON LONG: Here.

17 MS. STRICKLAND: Marsh.

18 (No response.)

19 MS. STRICKLAND: Ramirez.

20 MEMBER RAMIREZ: Here.

21 MS. STRICKLAND: Thank you.

22 CHAIRPERSON LONG: All right. We have a quorum, so  
23 we may proceed.

24 I've been asked to read the public comment portion.  
25 This is the time set aside for members of the public to

1 comment on items on the agenda. I don't know that the  
2 subcommittee will have any call-ins, but I will manage  
3 the public comment in deference to the committee's  
4 workload. Up to 15 minutes is allotted at the beginning  
5 of each meeting for public comment on items on the  
6 agenda. If necessary, we can go longer than 15 minutes,  
7 but may have to limit it if it gets over. Members of  
8 the public who wish to speak are asked to limit their  
9 remarks to no more than five minutes each.

10 Pursuant to existing Commission policy, the Chair  
11 may conclude the public comment period if multiple  
12 speakers are voicing repetitive statements and the  
13 15-minute public comment period has expired.

14 If there's anyone watching who would like to  
15 address the committee during the public comment, please  
16 call the number shown on the screen at this time. We  
17 will take calls one at a time.

18 We will wait a few minutes here, I guess, to  
19 see if there are any callers. I don't really anticipate  
20 it. Should we wait a couple minutes, you think? One  
21 minute?

22 MS. SANDOVAL: We have zero callers right now on  
23 the line.

24 CHAIRPERSON LONG: Oh, good. All right. Caller  
25 number one.

1 MS. SANDOVAL: We have zero.

2 CHAIRPERSON LONG: Oh, I thought we had several.

3 MS. SANDOVAL: No. Zero. We have zero.

4 CHAIRPERSON LONG: I was expecting zero.

5 MS. SANDOVAL: We can move forward.

6 CHAIRPERSON LONG: Moving forward.

7 First item is the approval of action summary of the  
8 minutes from the previous committee meeting. Absent  
9 objections, we can substitute the previous roll call.

10 Are there any objections?

11 (No response.)

12 CHAIRPERSON LONG: Seeing no objections, the  
13 minutes and action summary are adopted from the previous  
14 committee.

15 The first item agenda of substance is a report on  
16 the budget for Fiscal Year '21-'22. At this point, I  
17 would just like to note, Scott Campbell, who would  
18 normally be here, the POST Director of Admin, is not  
19 able to be with us today for a serious illness in the  
20 family, and we just want to send him our best wishes,  
21 send out our thoughts and prayers.

22 So moving forward, the Report on the Proposed  
23 Budget. Can we get that slide up. It's the first one  
24 in the packet. Do we have those? There we go.

25 All right. Essentially, the takeaways from the

1 budget for two -- the proposed budget for '21-'22 are  
2 that it is a workload budget. POST has been made whole.  
3 If you look under the budget allocation portion, and  
4 look on the far right, the proposed budget, you see the  
5 \$83 million budget is shaded green there. It is really  
6 the same budget basically as last year. There's a  
7 couple of things to take away. There's really a  
8 \$10 million reduction in General Fund support this year.  
9 It looks like \$10 million in the Governor's budget, but  
10 what it really is, it reflects the reversion of  
11 \$10 million from the \$34 million that we got a couple  
12 years ago that POST, in the midst of the COVID crisis,  
13 and so forth, reverted back to the General Fund. So no  
14 harm was made to POST. No harm going forward. It's  
15 really a technical reduction of \$10 million.

16 The other points, two points, to make are that if  
17 you look at the revenues, which don't show up in this  
18 slide, POST received another million-5 from the State  
19 Penalty Fund, which is a minor amount, but still helps  
20 make POST whole.

21 Those are probably the biggest -- oh, the last  
22 thing is, if you look in the very bottom, the total POST  
23 budget authority, the 81,624, that also reflects a  
24 reduction of \$1.4 million. All state departments  
25 basically took a hit of about 5 percent to reflect

1 reductions largely for the -- related to COVID and the  
2 budget difficulties from that point.

3 In Scott's absence, Tracy -- Tracy Contreras -- is  
4 here. Tracy, do you want to add anything? Or is that  
5 John? I'm not sure who's commenting on this, if it's  
6 John or Tracy. If anyone would like to make further  
7 comment.

8 MS. CONTRERAS: I believe you covered everything in  
9 the slide.

10 CHAIRPERSON LONG: Okay. So the takeaways, again,  
11 really, for the budget are that POST is made whole.  
12 It's a workload budget. If you look at the Governor's  
13 budget, you will see there's a \$10 million reduction in  
14 General Fund, but that is essentially a technical  
15 reduction that ties to the reversion from last year.

16 And then that 5 percent, \$1.4 million hit. And  
17 then a very small bump from the State Penalty Fund. And  
18 that would be it for Number 3, the proposed budget.

19 Any questions on the proposed budget for anyone?

20 (No response.)

21 CHAIRPERSON LONG: All right. Seeing none, we can  
22 go to Item 4, the Report on Projected Revenues.

23 John or Tracy, is anyone -- this is the slide we  
24 show all the time, which is just the inexorable slide of  
25 the State Penalty Fund. As you see, it goes down, down,

1 down. As we say every time we meet, all that shows is  
2 the need for ongoing General Fund support. There's no  
3 reason to think that this slide won't continue, and  
4 hopefully our increase, corresponding increase, in  
5 General Fund will continue as well.

6 John or Tracy? Any questions?

7 MS. CONTRERAS: No. You covered everything.

8 CHAIRPERSON LONG: All right. I'm not sure if John  
9 or Tracy, on Number 4 -- or Number 5, will Report on the  
10 Previous Fiscal Years. Would you like to walk us  
11 through that very quickly?

12 MR. TOMASELLO: Yes. On this slide, we're just  
13 covering the expenditures for 2019, which will be  
14 further explained further through the slide show,  
15 because what we're covering here is expenditures  
16 spilling over into 2020 that needed to be completed  
17 contract-wise, on both General Fund and State Penalty  
18 Fund. So what we're highlighting here is the ongoing  
19 expenditures that we're accumulating into 2020.

20 That's it for that.

21 CHAIRPERSON LONG: So the next slide would be the  
22 report on expenditures, I believe, for 2021, John?

23 MR. TOMASELLO: The next slide just covers General  
24 Fund in more detail, showing what we did for 2019. We  
25 did end up, out of that \$20 million in use of

1 force/local assistance, we ended up giving back  
2 15 million because we were -- that was part of our deal  
3 from COVID-19, was to give back from the General Fund  
4 out of 2019 and then other funds in 2016 (verbatim).

5 Then we're covering 2018's General Fund, which  
6 shows that augmentation of \$10 million. So we had an  
7 existing 25 million given to POST in 2018. We augmented  
8 10 million for distance learning training.

9 And then 2020, you are going to see a little bit of  
10 a slow start, and that's mainly because 2019, we're  
11 still working through that. Most of the contracts were  
12 extended into December and March of 2021 -- 2020 and  
13 2021.

14 Again, Special Funds, General Fund, we had a  
15 \$35 million budget. We have expensed 9.3 so far, so  
16 we're warming up. We're getting better. We're getting  
17 on back as far as rectifying 2019 and getting into 2020.

18 And you will see it here again, with local  
19 assistance. TRRs processed for '19-'20 were 75,000  
20 processed. \$21 million. As of February, we processed  
21 30,000 TRRs for FY 2020, giving us 5.6 million. So as  
22 far as TRRs processed, we're about at the halfway point  
23 of what we processed in 2019, but the expenditures are  
24 far lower, mainly because the TRRs that were processed  
25 the prior year were a combination of other backlog

1 years.

2 And then as a --

3 CHAIRPERSON LONG: Yeah. We don't need you to --  
4 let's hold off on the contracts. Right, John?

5 MR. TOMASELLO: Okay.

6 CHAIRPERSON LONG: So we can move to Item Number 7.  
7 Is that where you were heading, the report on contracts  
8 for '19, '20, and '21? And I think, John, excuse me if  
9 I'm wrong here, but the only thing we need to do here in  
10 terms of reviewing the '19-'20 contracts is look at the  
11 executive development vote -- for a vote that changed?

12 MS. CONTRERAS: That's correct. We have a request  
13 to amend the Executive Development Course.

14 CHAIRPERSON LONG: Could you walk us through that,  
15 please?

16 MS. CONTRERAS: In Fiscal Year 2020-2021, Training  
17 Program Services had been approved for 229,000. They  
18 are requesting an additional 127,000, and the increase  
19 is being requested for additional course coordinator, an  
20 increase in course coordinator wages, and an increase in  
21 course coordinator travel costs.

22 CHAIRPERSON LONG: All right. So we can take this  
23 vote now on this. It's obviously an advisory vote for  
24 the full Commission. It's also reflected, I believe, in  
25 Item 17, but I was trying to take these a little more

1 sequentially.

2       So the request from POST -- correct me if I'm  
3 wrong, guys -- is this additional amount of 127,000 as a  
4 contract amendment. Correct?

5       MS. CONTRERAS: Correct.

6       CHAIRPERSON LONG: All right. So I think, at this  
7 point, if --

8       EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALVAREZ: May I -- I'd like to  
9 give a little bit of an explanation as to what we're  
10 trying to do with that program and why there's some  
11 added costs.

12       CHAIRPERSON LONG: Please.

13       EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALVAREZ: Okay. Thank you, sir.

14       So what we're trying to do with that -- with the  
15 Executive Development Course is kind of a two-pronged  
16 approach: One -- historically, we have had one  
17 coordinator for EDC. Right now we have two. And we're  
18 trying to keep it at two so we always have some  
19 continuity and we always have somebody present in the  
20 class, so that adds some additional costs.

21       We had a coordinator who left a few months ago and  
22 it kind of left us -- I don't want to say in the lurch.  
23 Didn't leave us in the lurch; obviously, we knew he was  
24 leaving. But it left us without a coordinator, and  
25 staff to have to run that program. So having two gives

1 us the ability to always keep moving.

2 Second of all, we're trying to change the model to  
3 a facilitated learning model as opposed to a -- not that  
4 it's not now, but to create more facilitated learning  
5 with learning activities and such.

6 And we are trying to update the course curriculum  
7 using these two new coordinators, and that is the result  
8 of this increased expenditure for EDC, and that's why  
9 we're asking for authority to go above and beyond what  
10 we have asked for previously.

11 Thank you, sir.

12 CHAIRPERSON LONG: All right. And that would be  
13 the only amendment, really, to the '19-'20 or '21 -- the  
14 '19-'20 contract. So the appropriate -- I think at this  
15 point -- is there an objection to -- to that amendment,  
16 the \$127,000 amendment?

17 MEMBER BRAZIEL: I just have a couple of questions.

18 CHAIRPERSON LONG: Please, Rick.

19 MEMBER BRAZIEL: Manny, how many courses do we  
20 deliver and how many students in each course currently?

21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALVAREZ: Well, you are going  
22 to -- you have stumped me on that.

23 MEMBER BRAZIEL: I didn't mean to.

24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALVAREZ: I apologize.

25 I can -- we can definitely look it up while we move

1 along here. How many do we have? Do you know, Mike?

2 Can we get back to you on that?

3 MEMBER BRAZIEL: Absolutely. Absolutely.

4 CHAIRPERSON LONG: Why don't we do this then. Why  
5 don't we hold this one over until the end, after we have  
6 gone through all the contracts, so we can get back to  
7 Commissioner Braziel.

8 Does that make sense?

9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALVAREZ: Perfect. We'll get  
10 the answer.

11 MEMBER BRAZIEL: And I have one more question on  
12 this one.

13 From what I understand, part of the amendment is to  
14 do curriculum refresh/renewal, curriculum development,  
15 which will kind of be kind of a one-time cost, I'm  
16 guessing, for this year. And then we won't see that  
17 next fiscal year. Is that a good assumption?

18 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALVAREZ: Correct. For the  
19 curriculum development, it will be a one-time deal. The  
20 two coordinators, we hope to continue for the long haul.

21 There are some added costs for the -- for the two  
22 coordinators that I didn't go into great detail on.  
23 But, one, with a lot of our contracts, we -- as many of  
24 you know, there was legislation, AB 5, that required  
25 certain costs be paid for by an employer, for health

1 benefits and other things. That was taken out of their  
2 salaries by -- or the normal rate that we were paying.  
3 That was taken out by the presenter, so we are trying to  
4 make that whole with all of our training courses to  
5 bring them back up to the normal levels. That is also  
6 built into it for all of the training courses that you  
7 will see today.

8 So that is correct, Commissioner Braziel. It's a  
9 one-time -- one-time deal for the course curriculum  
10 development. Yes.

11 MEMBER BRAZIEL: Thank you.

12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALVAREZ: And we now have an  
13 answer to your question, sir.

14 There are five presentations of EDC per year, and  
15 there are 25 students in each class, and the course is  
16 two weeks long. It's an 80-hour course.

17 MEMBER BRAZIEL: All right. Thank you.

18 CHAIRPERSON LONG: So are there any more questions  
19 on EDC? Or we could vote for that amendment now.

20 Is there -- if there are additional questions, any  
21 concerns about this EDC amendment?

22 (No response.)

23 CHAIRPERSON LONG: Can we get a motion on that  
24 amendment?

25 MEMBER BRAZIEL: Move. Braziel.

1 MEMBER DOYLE: Second. Doyle.

2 CHAIRPERSON LONG: Will you call the roll, please.

3 MS. STRICKLAND: Braziel.

4 MEMBER BRAZIEL: Yes.

5 MS. STRICKLAND: Bui.

6 MEMBER BUI: Yes.

7 MS. STRICKLAND: Doyle.

8 MEMBER DOYLE: Yes.

9 MS. STRICKLAND: Long.

10 CHAIRPERSON LONG: Yes.

11 MS. STRICKLAND: Marsh.

12 (No response.)

13 MS. STRICKLAND: Ramirez.

14 MEMBER RAMIREZ: Yes.

15 CHAIRPERSON LONG: All right. John, I believe the  
16 next slide, on Number 8, would be the contracts that are  
17 up -- all the contracts that are up for approval for  
18 '21-'22. There it is.

19 Now, I would like to mention, if anyone looked at  
20 the earlier iteration of this slide, which was sent out  
21 to us when the agenda was first published, there's a few  
22 things missing. So I think I will just mention those in  
23 case anyone was tracking them.

24 The Quality Assessment Program contract for 766,000  
25 has been -- we're going to put that over until June for

1 some more discussion about the program. Some  
2 questions -- I had some questions about it. It's a  
3 \$766,000 program that reviewed 85 courses, which is  
4 about, what, \$9,000 a course. POST is interested in  
5 providing some additional information, so it's no harm  
6 whatsoever to QAP. We'll just discuss that one in June.

7 Also what was on there earlier was the State  
8 Controller's audit contract. That will also be  
9 discussed in June.

10 And, Manny, you might want to explain this. But  
11 under Learning Technology Resources, the LEDS/Force  
12 Option Simulator contracts and the self-paced learning  
13 contracts have been moved to another place, Manny?

14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALVAREZ: Actually, for the  
15 LEDS, the Law Enforcement Driving Simulators, those are  
16 out of warranty, so we did not extend the warranty this  
17 year. So I think every year there was approximately  
18 \$300,000 expenditures on extended warranty, because they  
19 were out of warranty. And the same went for the Force  
20 Option Simulators. Is that correct, Maria, if I may?  
21 Yes. So those are just expenditures that we are not  
22 going to incur in any fashion in the future.

23 CHAIRPERSON LONG: Good.

24 Okay. And then the self-paced learning contracts.  
25 They were originally on this document.

1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALVAREZ: Like the State  
2 Controller's audit contract, we are going to put over to  
3 June as well.

4 CHAIRPERSON LONG: Okay. Good. All right.

5 So just in case anyone was comparing those slides,  
6 it's why you see seven here before you.

7 Now we can -- John, Manny, and everyone have  
8 presentations on each one of these contracts. Would  
9 anyone like to raise any questions or issues about any  
10 of these contracts, any questions at all?

11 (No response.)

12 CHAIRPERSON LONG: If you can compare them to the  
13 prior year contracts, you will see there are some  
14 increases, relatively about what? About a couple  
15 hundred thousand dollars maybe to SLI. Some other small  
16 increases. Otherwise, they are pretty much the same.

17 Any comments or questions?

18 MEMBER BUI: I have a question.

19 CHAIRPERSON LONG: Ms. Bui.

20 MEMBER BUI: I wanted to first say thank you very  
21 much for that presentation on the new FOS machines  
22 yesterday. Several of us attended that and were able to  
23 experience it live. That was pretty fantastic.

24 So related to these machines -- and you just  
25 mentioned something about the costs of the warranties no

1 longer being incurred for the old machines, but with  
2 these new ones, my question is whether or not we are --  
3 since the old machines cost so much more than these  
4 \$50,000 new ones, are we going to be buying more units  
5 based on the amount allotted for this equipment? Or are  
6 we going to be doing -- are we just buying a specific  
7 amount, and then the rest of the funds would go  
8 somewhere else?

9 MS. SANDOVAL: Right now, Commissioner, we have 50  
10 that have been slated to be purchased for the State of  
11 California with a pending 20. That is still not going  
12 to utilize the entire \$5 million that we have allocated  
13 to us. We are trying to get that money carried over  
14 into next year, if we possibly can, but it takes some  
15 legislative juice behind us to do so.

16 So we can utilize that money for improvements such  
17 as the haptic vests that are supposed to be coming into  
18 play in the fourth quarter. Otherwise, that money will  
19 revert back to the State of California. But our  
20 warranty is good for five years at this point.

21 So we are trying to utilize all that money, but due  
22 to the whole COVID issue, we've been a little bit behind  
23 with the construction of and the building of the  
24 machines back in the Midwest. So everybody has been  
25 affected. So we're trying to trail that money a little

1 bit longer so we can get a little bit more equipment.

2 MEMBER BUI: Gotcha. Well, I didn't want to -- I  
3 don't want to draw this out too much, but I did have one  
4 more question related to the simulators, if I may.

5 You know, how things -- technology changes really  
6 fast, and, you know, it seems like we're always updating  
7 our phones every two years or so. Even though these  
8 machines are warranted for five years, I mean, is there  
9 going to be a cost for upgrade to the system or to,  
10 like, upgrade the software that's built into this cost?

11 MS. SANDOVAL: It's not built in, but I'm sure  
12 there will be some additional costs that come down that  
13 we're willing to shoulder at this point. And, again,  
14 you have to jump, at some point.

15 And I think in two years, the -- the technology  
16 will be far better than it is now. But the individuals  
17 who we're working with -- we are the first ones in the  
18 United States who are utilizing this technology and  
19 everybody else is falling in behind us. And I do  
20 believe that we have the kind of reputation or the  
21 relationship with these individuals that they are going  
22 to do whatever they can to keep us in the forefront. So  
23 I'm sure they will be working with us to implement any  
24 kind of changes that they possibly can.

25 MEMBER BUI: Great. Thank you.

1 CHAIRPERSON LONG: Thank you, Commissioner.

2 Are there any other questions or comments about  
3 these seven contracts?

4 (No response.)

5 CHAIRPERSON LONG: POST staff is prepared to give  
6 us presentations on each of them if anyone would like to  
7 go into more depth. Otherwise, we could vote, an  
8 advisory vote, to the full Commission for today, or we  
9 can vote on them en masse, or we could vote on them  
10 individually.

11 Anyone have a preference or a concern?

12 (No response.)

13 CHAIRPERSON LONG: If not, we can take a motion  
14 to -- for an advisory vote to the full Commission if  
15 anyone would like to make a motion on all seven.

16 MEMBER DOYLE: Doyle. I will make a motion on all  
17 seven.

18 CHAIRPERSON LONG: Is there a second?

19 MEMBER RAMIREZ: Ramirez.

20 CHAIRPERSON BARON: Please call the roll.

21 MS. STRICKLAND: Braziel.

22 MEMBER BRAZIEL: Yes.

23 MS. STRICKLAND: Bui.

24 MEMBER BUI: Yes.

25 MS. STRICKLAND: Doyle.

1 MEMBER DOYLE: Yes.

2 MS. STRICKLAND: Long.

3 CHAIRPERSON LONG: Yes.

4 MS. STRICKLAND: Marsh.

5 (No response.)

6 MS. STRICKLAND: Ramirez.

7 MEMBER RAMIREZ: Yes.

8 CHAIRPERSON LONG: Motion carries. Advisory vote  
9 is approved.

10 I believe that is our last item of business.

11 Number 17, we have already dealt with, with the  
12 Executive Development Course.

13 Are there any other comments or questions? And we  
14 have nothing from the public, correct, Maria?

15 MS. SANDOVAL: Tobias, do we have any callers?

16 No. We are clear.

17 CHAIRPERSON LONG: We are home free on that front.

18 Under Old Business, no old business.

19 Under New Business, no new business.

20 Any questions or comments on the Finance agenda?

21 (No response.)

22 CHAIRPERSON LONG: If not, we are adjourned and  
23 having a cup of tea until the Advisory Committee

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1 starts up at 10:00 o'clock. Thank you, everyone. We  
2 are adjourned.

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